

How to drive an automatic car and pass the practical test

The basis

- Get in the car
- Put your seat belt
- Adjust car seat to your comfort; usually under your seat you can feel a metal bars that you can adjust to either pull you forward or back. You should use your butt to actually pull yourself forward though.

Start the car

- Put the key in the keyhole, depending on the car but it is usually on the right.
- Press the brake pedal and simultaneously turning the key, certain cars (older models) require you to turn the key twice (insert turn and push it in and turn again) wait and the car should be good to go.

Move away

- Depending on how the car is parked select Driving or Reverse.
- When reversing keep your foot on the brake pedal, check your mirrors to make sure there is no oncoming vehicles. Slowly and gently let go of the brake pedal then start steering either left or right again depending where the car is parked.
- When you are finally out the bay you can switch from reverse to drive.

Steering

- A crucial part of driving is having your hands correctly placed on the steering wheel, there is a lot of ways to place them but to avoid danger and causing harm to not only yourself but also other road users. You can position your hands at 9 o'clock and 3 o'clock although you can't make a full turn as your hands would be crossing each other making it awkward and uncomfortable. If you are turning right, you can move and slide your left hand on top of the wheel, sliding it through your right hand. Its almost as if you are passing the wheel to your right hand and that's how you make a turn.
- When turning make sure to follow the road by this I mean, do not steer too much than required you will hit a curb.

Driving tips

- You should always be aware and focus on the road especially if you easily tensed.
- Always brake when making a turn this will slow down the car and make it easier for you to stay in lane and not cross the road making.
- Do not accelerate or try to pass other drivers, remember in this situation you are trying to win to get your license.
- Do not drive more than 20km/hr, make sure to follow the road signs.
- One key factor that a lot of people tend to forget is to always use your signals for i.e. overtaking a parked car, signal. Overtaking a dog, signal.
- When driving do not stay on the yellow box, leave space between you and the person in front of you.

- Lastly, the person marking you is not your uncle. Make sure the person notices you checking mirrors, blind spots and your surroundings.

How to stay calm before your test

- Get a goodnight and do it early I know it's going sound impossible but doing it, won't make you sleepy on the road or zone out. Don't put yourself and other people in danger.
- Make sure you are confident when taking your test, driving whilst not being sure is a guaranteed failed.
- Watch YouTube videos (not the night before because you have to sleep) this will make you cover areas where you aren't sure about my suggestions are: Driving London and DGN Driving they both do mock test and score their learners.

Lastly

The more nervous you are the longer the test will feel, just pretend you are going for grocery shopping the person marking you is Google maps. Goodluck!